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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinichiro TANIGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2133

Application No.: 09/454,865

Examiner: C. Colin

Filed: December 7, 1999

Docket No.: 104934

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the personal interview with Examiner Colin, and in reply to the October 23, 2003, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.